

INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE LOIS BLOOM

United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
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Brooklyn, NY 11201
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Unless otherwise ordered by Judge Bloom in a specific case, matters before Judge Bloom shall be conducted in accordance with the following practices:

1. Communications with Chambers

A. Letters

Except as provided below, communications with chambers shall be by letter, with copies simultaneously delivered to all parties. Copies of correspondence between parties shall not be sent to the Court. The Court will not consider any *ex parte* correspondence or documents.

B. Telephone Calls

Except as provided in Paragraph 1(D) below, telephone calls to chambers are permitted only in emergency situations requiring immediate attention. In such situations only, call chambers at (718) 260-4590. There shall be no *ex parte* telephone calls to chambers, unless concerning the scheduling of matters or as otherwise permitted by these rules.

C. Faxes

Faxes to chambers are not permitted unless prior authorization is obtained.

D. Docketing, Scheduling, and Calendar Matters

For docketing, scheduling and calendar matters, call Motria Kuzycz at (718) 260-2544 between 9:00 - 5:00.

E. Interpreter Services

Litigants are advised that interpreter services are not provided by the Court in civil cases. If a party speaks a language other than English, the party must make their own arrangements to conduct their case in English. A party may bring an English-speaking friend or family member to court conferences.

F. Request for Adjournments or Extensions of Time

All requests for adjournments or extensions of time must state (1) the original date, (2) the number of previous requests for adjournment or extension, (3) whether these previous requests were granted or denied, and (4) whether the adversary consents, and, if not, the reasons given by

the adversary for refusing to consent.

If the requested adjournment or extension affects any other scheduled dates, a proposed Revised Scheduling order must be attached. If the request is for an adjournment of a court appearance, absent an emergency, it shall be made at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled appearance. Extension requests must generally be made reasonably in advance of the deadline or date sought to be extended.

G. Change of Address

Parties shall keep the Court apprised of their current address and telephone number. If a party changes address, he/she shall immediately notify the Court and his/her adversary in writing. If a party fails to keep the Court apprised of his/her current address, the case may be dismissed.

2. Motions

A. Pre-Motion Conferences in Civil Cases

For discovery motions, follow Local Civil Rules 37.3 and 6.4. For motions other than discovery motions, pre-motion conferences are not required.

B. Courtesy Copies

Courtesy copies of all motion papers, marked as such, should be submitted for chambers.

C. Memoranda of Law

Unless prior permission has been granted, memoranda of law in support of and in opposition to motions are limited to 25 pages, and reply memoranda are limited to 10 pages.

D. Filing Motion Papers

Motion papers shall be filed promptly after service.

E. Oral argument on Motions

Parties may request oral argument by letter at the time their moving or opposing or reply papers are filed. The court will determine whether argument will be heard and, if so, will advise the parties of the argument date.

F. Briefing Schedule

Papers in opposition to a motion are to be served two weeks after service of the motion and reply papers (if any) one week thereafter, unless a different schedule has been ordered by the Court. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a).

3. Pretrial Procedures

A. Pretrial Orders in Civil Cases

When directed by the Court, the parties shall separately submit a proposed pretrial order, which shall include the following:

- i. The full caption of the action.
- ii. The names, addresses (including firm names), telephone and fax numbers of trial counsel and the pro se party.
- iii. A brief summary by each party of the claims and defenses that party has asserted which remain to be tried, without recital of evidentiary matter but including citations to all statutes relied on.
- iv. A statement by each party as to whether the case is to be tried with or without a jury, and the number of days needed.
- v. Any stipulations or statements of fact or law which have been agreed to by all parties.
- vi. A list of the names and addresses of all witnesses, together with a brief narrative statement of the expected testimony of each witness. Only listed witnesses will be permitted to testify except when prompt notice has been given and good cause shown.
- vii. A list of exhibits to be offered in evidence and, if not admitted by stipulation, the party or parties who will be offering them.